

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 10-16 have been allowed. The remaining claims, that is, Claims 1, 3-9 and 17-20, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The allowability of Claims 1, 3-9 and 17-20 has otherwise been confirmed. As such, independent Claims 1 and 17 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Official Action in order to more definitively set forth the claimed invention. As such, the rejection of Claims 1, 3-9 and 17-20 is therefore overcome. As a result of the amendments to independent Claims 1 and 17, corresponding amendments to dependent Claims 8, 18 and 19 have been made for purposes of consistency.

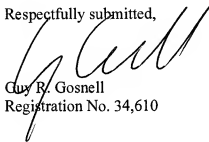
Conclusion

In view of the amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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